



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of : Wilmert De Bosscher
Serial No. : 09/720,744
Filed : 11 June 2001
For : Vacuum tight coupling for tube sections
Examiner : Dunwoody, Aaron M.
Art Unit : 3679
Customer number : 23644

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2004, reconsideration is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.